

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Blake Groves et al.	Art Unit	: 2155
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		Notice of Allowance Date:	January 31, 2008
Title	: BUDDY LIST-BASED SHARING OF ELECTRONIC CONTENT		

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants thank Examiner Won for the Notice of Allowance indicating that claims 1, 3-12, 14-16, 18-22, 24-33, 35-37, and 39-71 are allowable and for the reasons for allowance articulated therein.

In reviewing the reasons for allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance of January 31, 2008, applicants note that the Examiner indicated that:

[t]he prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of “resolving a cascaded delivery rule to choose one or more delivery mechanisms for communicating the content to the designated online identities; using the chosen delivery mechanisms to independently communicate the content to the designated online identities” and “communicating the content to the designated online identities that are not presently online using a communications program other than instant messaging.”

Notice of Allowance of January 31, 2008 at page 16, lines 2-9. Applicants also note that the claim features explicitly identified in the passage excerpted above are recited in independent claims 1, 22, and 43. Just to clarify, however, these claim features are not recited in independent claims 44, 66, 70, and 71, which also were allowed on their own merits.

Furthermore, applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable as the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

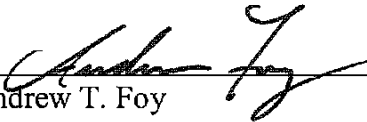
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